

August 2024

Points of Interest...

- A municipal water main break occurred 7/5/24 affecting Port Huron residents south of the Black River. A boil water advisory was in effect from 8:00am on 7/5 through midnight 7/8 involving about 25 food facilities licensed by the St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD). Site visits were performed at all of these facilities to determine if they would close or stay open with restrictions in place. Education material was left onsite for reference, review and to help plan for future incidences. Assistance was also given over the phone and in-person to residents and other businesses affected, including a long-term care facility.
- Preventive Health & Immunizations (PH&I) Supervisor and Communicable Disease (CD) Nurse completed an Infection Control Assessment and Response (ICAR) with the MDHHS Infection Prevention Resource and Assessment Team (IPRAT) team at Medilodge of Yale on 8/1/24. This allowed them to complete the Michigan Infection Control - Educational Collaborative for Better Health Outcomes (MI-ECHO) program and successfully receive their certificates. Staff is now able to complete ICAR's within the community without IPRAT's direct supervision.
- August is Breastfeeding Awareness Month. WIC's Breastfeeding Support team hosted "A Celebration of Breastfeeding" event was held at Palmer Park Recreation Center on 8/21/24 from 12:00pm - 3:00pm. All past, present and future breastfeeding moms and children were welcomed to attend.
- Michigan Care Improvement Registry/School Immunization Reporting System (MCIR/SIRS) training was held for school, daycare and preschool staff on 8/22/24. Education on immunization reporting, waivers, communicable disease reporting, dental screening, and vision/hearing was provided.
- Summer is the busiest time for temporary food license/STFU inspections due to the large number of festivals and fairs in our area. Approximately 100 inspections have already been completed by the food staff for these events.
- The Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP) Social Worker, Kaitlyn Newman, LLBSW completed the final staff interviews for Preventing ACE's (PACE) Pilot, Phase II. Kaitlyn received accolades from the team at MDHHS-MIHP and MPHI for being; *"one of the only sites to successfully complete all phases of the pilot, for her insight and collaboration with the team, and for her unique approach to engaging families in the project."*